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Co-operative Societies

Opening of a land mortgage bank in Kurnool.

* 371 Q.—Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO: Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state, with reference to the report of the Registrar of Co-operative Societies placed on the table in reply to question No. 1412 answered on 25th February 1929, whether he will call for a copy of the telegram mentioned in reason (e) of the report and place it on the table?

A.—A copy of the telegram[a] referred to is appended.

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO:—"May I know from the hon. the Development Minister whether in view of the copy of the telegram given in the Appendix, that there is enthusiasm on the part of the people for a land mortgage bank, he will reinvestigate the prospect of a land mortgage bank at Kurnool?"

The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR:—"There seems to be difference of opinion between the people of the locality and the Registrar of Co-operative Societies and the Registrar thinks that we cannot establish a land mortgage bank there."

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO:—"May I ask the hon. Minister whether he will examine the second sentence of the telegram?"

The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR:—"Yes, Sir."

Fisheries

Working of fishermen Co-operative Societies in Malabar.

* 372 Q.—Mr. A. B. SHETTY: Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to call for a detailed report on the working of two fishermen co-operative societies in Malabar to which the Government have given loans for the purchase of boats and nets and place it on the table of the House?

A.—A short account of the working of the two societies in question is given in Part I, section 7 (B) of the Administration Report of the Fisheries Department for the year 1927–28. The Director has been asked to deal with the working of these two societies in detail in the annual report for 1928–29 which is due with Government in September 1929.

Public Works.

Alleged defects in the iron fencing on the side pathways over the Cauvery bridge.

* 373 Q.—Mr. U. RAMASWAMI AYYAR: Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(a) whether his attention was drawn to the fact that the iron fencings for the side pathways over the newly constructed Cauvery bridge in Trichinopoly is too low and a child in the arms of a woman while passing over the footpath slipped in the river and died last month; and

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[a] Printed as Appendix I on page 771 infra.

(*b*) what steps do the Government propose to take to remedy the defect?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The Government have no information but will enquire and will, if necessary, have the railings raised.

Purchase of steel windows and doors from the Crittal Manufacturing Company, Limited.

* 374 Q.—Mr. K. V. R. Swami: Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(*a*) the total value of steel windows and doors, etc., purchased from the Crittal Manufacturing Company, Limited;
(*b*) whether any Indian firm manufactures such things;
(*c*) whether any of them were purchased after March last; and
(*d*) if so, what the total value of such purchases is?

A.—(*a*), (*c*) & (*d*) The Government have no information.
They await a report on the whole question from the Chief Engineer in January next, when the matter will be re-examined.
(*b*) No.

Mr. K. V. R. Swami:—"May I know from the hon. the Minister for Development whether he did not promise during budget time that he would go into the question?"

The hon. Mr. M. R. Seturatnam Ayyar:—"Yes."

Mr. K. V. R. Swami:—"May I know whether he has gone into the question?"

The hon. Mr. M. R. Seturatnam Ayyar:—"Yes, I have gone into the question and the Chief Engineer's report is awaited early in January or February."

Mr. C. S. Govindaraja Mudaliyar:—"May I know why the answer to clause (*c*) has not been given in the answer?"

The hon. Mr. M. R. Seturatnam Ayyar:—"Because it was not considered necessary, in view of the fact that the report will be ready shortly."

Mr. C. S. Govindaraja Mudaliyar:—"May I know, if the purchase is made in India, it will effect savings?"

The hon. Mr. M. R. Seturatnam Ayyar:—"It all depends upon the fact whether the steel is considered satisfactory or not. As we were expecting the report shortly from the Chief Engineer, we did not ask for an intermediate report."

Mr. K. R. Karant:—"Pending that report, may I ask the hon. Minister whether Government are going to make further purchases?"

The hon. Mr. M. R. Seturatnam Ayyar:—"As far as I am aware no purchases have been made."

Mr. P. Anjaneyulu:—"May I know from the hon. Minister in regard to (*b*), whether he is going to wait for the report from the Chief Engineer or whether he would get information in regard to this beforehand?"

The hon. Mr. M. R. Seturatnam Ayyar:—"No."